

HARRIS IS JOYFUL AFTER CONVICTION

Poole's Slayer Glad Verdict Is Only Second Degree.

LAWYERS MAY NOT ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

Jury, Out About Thirty Minutes, Reaches Decision on Second Ballot.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 28.—In his cell in the Montgomery county jail, Oliver H. Harris, the convicted murderer of John Henson Poole, is today singing and whistling, happier than he has been since his arrest weeks ago. Harris is happy today because his sentence will be imprisonment instead of hanging, for he feared all along that the verdict would be "murder in the first degree."

The jury was ready to report in about a half hour after retiring last evening, but the absence of the court officials delayed the verdict for more than an hour. Two ballots only were required to settle on the verdict of murder in the second degree for which sentence may be passed for imprisonment from five to eighteen years.

Man Is Relieved. When the foreman of the jury announced the verdict, over the faces of Harris, his relatives, and his attorneys there passed an expression of relief which obliterated the lines which for weeks had written there. Harris had been extremely nervous while the jury was out. As he was brought to the court room to hear his fate, the muscles of his face twitched, and he could hardly control himself. Sitting up stiffly as if moving himself for a shock he saw the foreman rise and heard him give the verdict for murder in the second degree.

The shock had not come, and the convicted man sank back into his seat relieved and satisfied, while friends and attorneys piled him with congratulations. So satisfactory is the verdict that it is improbable that Edward C. Peter and Robert B. Peter, attorneys for Harris, will ask for a new trial.

Poole Murdered In a Lonely Hut

The crime for which Harris was placed on trial was the murder of John Henson Poole, who was killed the night of July 11, in a lonely hut on a farm in the field's lock, on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, a short distance north of Travilah, where he lived alone. He was struck on the head with a hatchet and shot two or three times in the head with a rifle, after which his body was wrapped in a blanket and hid in a closet of the house.

The crime was not discovered until three weeks later, when the young man's father, John W. Poole, becoming alarmed at the failure of his son to pay his regular visits to the home of his parents or to write them, instituted a search. After making inquiries at Travilah and learning that his boy had not been there for three weeks he went to his son's house. Upon entering the little shanty he was startled and shocked at seeing bloodstains on the floor and furniture, and following the trail of blood, he discovered the badly decomposed body of his son in the closet.

Arrested for Assault.

The morning of the day Poole's body was discovered Harris was arrested for a murderous assault two days before upon his aunt, Mrs. Clara Harris, wife of Gwynn Harris, whom he attacked as the two were crossing a field near their home at Travilah together. Mrs. Harris was struck on the head with a piece of iron twelve or fifteen inches in length, which was found covered with blood near the scene of the attack. She was struck several blows, her skull being fractured and her scalp lacerated. She was also shot in the head with a .22-caliber revolver. She was found soon afterward in an unconscious condition and for several days her condition was critical, but she fully recovered.

After attacking his aunt Harris disappeared and for two days and nights he was sought for in vain. About 9 o'clock the night following the assault he walked into his father's home at Travilah, almost in a state of collapse from fright, worry, and lack of food. He frankly told the members of his family that it was he who attacked his aunt. His only explanation was that she had made him angry as the two were crossing the field and that in his frenzy he struck her with the piece of iron and then shot her.

Harris' Story.

Harris told the members of his family that after attacking his aunt he started in the direction of Washington, intending to board an electric car below Rockville, but after traveling several miles, discovered that he had left his money at home. He went back to Travilah and waited until night, when he approached his home, intending to change his clothing, get his money and go. He stated, however, that as he neared the house he noticed several men, Harry, and suspecting they were officers, he went to the public school building at Travilah, gained entrance through a window and hid in the attic, where he remained until the following night, when he went home. He told his people that his first impulse after committing the crime was to commit suicide, but that his heart failed him.

Harris' arrest the following morning was due to a member of his family, who had word sent to Sheriff Mulligan at Rockville that the youth was at home. Deputy Sheriff Hewitt and Special Deputy Moulton procured a team and hurried to the Harris home. They found Harris secreted in a closet, and he had hid immediately upon arising, but he came out when ordered, and offered no resistance when informed he was under arrest. He accused his father of having informed on him, and the latter's only reply was: "It's the best thing for you, Olie, let the law take its course."

Taken to Baltimore.

In view of the excited condition of the public mind it was deemed best to remove Harris to the jail at Baltimore for safekeeping, and the day following his arrest he was conveyed there, where he remained until two weeks ago, when he was brought back to Rockville to be in readiness for trial. A day or two after his arrival in Baltimore he was taken into the office of Captain of Detectives Humphrey and put through a severe "sweating." He at first denied all knowledge of how Poole met his death, but finally broke down and confessed. The confession was taken down by a stenographer and signed by Harris and will probably be used as evidence at the trial.

OFFICES MAY GO TO COLORED MEN

President Taft Considering Number of Applications.

BOOKER WASHINGTON OFTEN CONSULTED

During Roosevelt Term Noted Educator Had Much to Say in Appointments.

President Taft has at his disposal a number of offices of considerable importance which are now filled by colored men.

His disposition of these offices is a matter that is causing no end of speculation and not a little rivalry among negro politicians, in Washington and elsewhere.

The President has not indicated a disposition to be liberal with the colored people in the matter of appointments to office. At the same time, the colored politicians expect he will leave such important Federal places as are now in the hands of colored men in the keeping of negroes and will not displace them with whites.

Not the least interesting phase of the situation is found in the question how far the President will consult Booker T. Washington in the appointments. As is well known, in the Roosevelt regime, Dr. Washington was widely consulted by the President about appointments of colored men and it was not easy for a negro to get office unless he bore Dr. Washington's indorsement.

One of the places that is the cause of much gossip among the colored politicians is that of auditor for the Navy Department, which is now filled by Ralph W. Tyler, an Ohio colored man. Mr. Tyler's time will soon be out and it is not certain whether he will be reappointed. It is reported that Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, will oppose a reappointment of Tyler. No candidates for his place have come out into the open.

Competent Orator.

William T. Vernon, of Kansas, one of the most competent colored orators in the country, is Register of the Treasury of the United States. This is an important office, and there are aspirants for it when Mr. Vernon's term is out. One of them is J. C. Napier, of Nashville, a leading colored business man, and one of the right-hand men of Booker T. Washington. While Napier is supported by the influence of Dr. Washington, Register Vernon is not looked on as being one of the Washington adherents. He is not opposed to the Booker Washington school of thought, but he is, on the other hand, not identified with it. When Mr. Vernon was appointed he had the backing of the entire Kansas delegation, Kansas being his home State. This contest is arousing a vast degree of interest among colored politicians in various parts of the country.

As Municipal Judge.

Then, there is the question of appointing a man to take the place of Robert H. Terrell, one of the municipal judges of the District. His term of office is well advanced. It is supposed he will succeed himself. Judge Terrell is a Harvard graduate and was the orator of his class. It was the fact he was of Harvard that led President Roosevelt to appoint him. He will have the backing of Booker Washington and of the Harvard alumni for reappointment.

Charles Anderson, of New York, collector of internal revenue there, will probably receive a reappointment. President Taft is said to be well impressed with Anderson's administration of his office and so expressed himself in a speech about a year ago.

Telephone Foreman Lashed by Posse

DAWSON, Ga., Nov. 28.—H. C. Gilchrist, of Detroit, Mich., recently foreman of the telephone exchange here, was given 100 lashes with a telephone wire upon being captured by a posse as he was trying to get out of the State. It is charged that he incited several telephone girls by directing that a negro accompany them home at night.

Ninety Men Out of 100

Like Slim Woman's Best

A woman with a slight, elegant form has more influence over men than any other type. Every fat woman knows grace charms more than features and this knowledge makes her life more or less unhappy. And yet how easy to change matters. If you have a pretty face, why let a fat body disguise it? You, or your druggist, mix up 1/2 oz. Marmola, 1/2 oz. Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic and 1/2 oz. Peppermint Water. Take a teaspoonful of this pleasant mixture after meals and at bedtime, and watch your face disappear. Prop away evenly, without wrinkling, from the fattest places first, such as chin, hips, ankles, etc., and keep it up, 10 to 16 ounces a day. Then you can easily hold yourself at the weight you desire, or fashion demands, without fear of hurt or a particle of bother.

BAGGAGE IS DETAINED



MRS. GEORGE LAW.

FAVORITE OF KING HAS TRUNKS HELD

Mrs. George Law Declares She Will Not Pay Duty on Goods.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The deputy collectors of the port are sitting on the twelve trunks of Mrs. George Law, favorite of the English King and Queen, and the lady still insists that she will not pay the duty.

Her reasons for this stubborn refusal are founded on the claim that she is a non-resident of this country. In the twelve trunks which the collectors are holding, there are all kinds of silk dresses and creations from Paris, which have made Mrs. Law one of the best dressed and most talked of women in society.

The question of whether she will have to pay the duty hinges on whether she has been abroad continuously for two years. The collectors claim that she has been in New York within the past two years and is therefore amenable to the duty.

FALSE SWEARING TRIAL FOR PIERCE

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 28.—Henry Clay Pierce, of St. Louis, and a prominent factor in the business of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, a supposedly subsidiary concern of the Standard Oil, will be placed on trial here tomorrow for alleged false swearing, the offense, it is charged, having been committed when Pierce filed an affidavit upon the reorganization of his company.

ATHLETE WEDS QUIETLY.

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 28.—W. Hubert Tappan, of Mansfield, Ohio, who finished second for Cornell in the intercollegiate cross-country race at Boston last week, has been married quietly in this city to Miss Helen Matthews, of Toronto, Canada.

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BIG BUTTER SWINDLE UNEARTHED IN WEST

Operations of Organized Gang Said to Have Been Disclosed.

LACROSSE, Wis., Nov. 28.—Through the arrest and indictment by the Federal grand jury of A. E. Graham, of Janesville, Wis., Federal authorities say they have disclosed the operations of an organized gang of butter swindlers who are working throughout the country by means of a machine perfected by Graham.

Oleomargarine is refined and given the appearance, taste, and smell of creamy butter, and the fraud was not detected until after an analysis.

The fact that the product sold for pure creamery butter under the Elgin quotations is the only reason the scheme did not continue indefinitely.

Evidence today showed a great majority of the oleomargarine used by the gang was purchased from Congress-man-elect Moxley of Illinois, but United States Inspector Beecher Sterne, of Detroit, in charge of the investigations and prosecutions, says there is no question but that Moxley was an innocent party.

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PRESIDENT INSISTS ON POSTAL BANKS

His Attitude Will Bring About Early Collision With Leaders.

President Taft is taking a stand on postal savings banks which is likely to bring him into early collision with the leaders in Senate and House.

He is going to stand by his position that there should be postal savings legislation without delay, in accordance with the Republican platform. This does not suit the wishes of the House and Senate leaders. They want postal savings legislation to go over until the Monetary Commission report, and some of them hope that by delay they can kill the project altogether.

Senator Carter of Montana, who has announced that he will press for the passage of the postal savings bank bill in the Senate has been conferring with the President lately. The President has left no doubt where he stands. He has not accepted the program of those who would defer action. In urging the Senate to pass postal savings legislation, Senator Carter will have the backing of the President.

Speaker Cannon is against postal savings legislation at this time. This has been made pretty clear by his selection of the chairman of the House Committee on Postoffice and Postroads. That chairman is Representative Weeks of Massachusetts, who has said repeatedly that he wants postal savings legislation deferred until the Monetary Commission reports. Mr. Weeks' views on the postal savings bank question are well known and, had Speaker Cannon desired to hasten postal savings legislation, he would not have made Mr. Weeks chairman of this important committee.

If the President insists on postal savings legislation, as he seems disposed to do, it is probable that he will find his wishes blocked by Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon and their contingents.

CAMPAIGN BEGINS AGAINST SALOONS

"A Dry Washington" Is Slogan to Be Used by Societies and Churches in Coming Fight.

"A Dry Washington." This will be the slogan of the Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U., and a number of allied organizations during the next few months.

The churches will be asked to help and all will bring heavy pressure to bear upon Congress. The program was outlined at a meeting of Washington prohibitionists at Society Temple last evening. Prohibition rallies meetings will be held frequently in various halls in the District. The suburbs will not be neglected.

ONE MORE WEEK

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\$1.75

Lot 2—175 to 200 Odd Ladies' Coats; most of these are salesmen's fall samples; some very expensive coats are included; VALUES RANGE FROM \$20.00 to \$30.00. Trustee clears out at only

\$5.95

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\$4.60

Lot 4—Entire balance of Ladies' Rubber Silks, values from \$18.00 to \$32.50, in rubberized pongee, mohair, taffeta, and other silk coats. All new models. CLEAR OUT AT

\$11.75

Lot 5—Men's \$11.00 Auto Coats and Slip-Ons, Impogated Henrietta Cloths, Newest Models, values to \$20.00. MUST CLEAR PROMPTLY AT ONLY

\$5.25

Lot 6—All Men's Cravenettes, priced at \$25 to \$18. Regrouped into one magnificent lot CLEARANCE PRICE

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